

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system is described that comprises a medical device on which is installed a version of software and a software agent communicatively coupled to the medical device without regard to the version of software installed on the medical device. An example of  
5 the medical device includes a defibrillator. The software agent may reside in a personal digital assistant and can be operated to communicate with the defibrillator to access the data stored in the defibrillator irrespective of the version of software of the defibrillator.

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